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A STEP AHEAD

Stevens County to Bore for Artesian Water.

The commissioners of Stevens county met the first of the week at Hugoton and in response to a number of petitions decided to bore for artesian water. The well will be located on the north-west corner of the townsite of Hugoton.

The contract for drilling has not yet been let, but will be awarded as soon as bids can be submitted. The amount to be spent on the project has not yet been determined, but it is generally understood that they will make a thorough test of the artesian well proposition.

An Improvement.

The question of concrete walks across the Rock Island Tracks and south along Kansas Avenue is being agitated. There are a goodly number of business establishments south of the tracks and it is a wonder that the question of connecting this with the main portion of town has not been raised before. The population on the south side is increasing rapidly and as a matter of convenience for the people to reach the business portion of the town from across the tracks and the children to reach school without having to wade through the mud and slush during stormy weather the walks should by all means be constructed.

Wooden—Jacobs.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mackey, Sunday, Jan. 1st, Mr. Elmer Wooden, of Tyrone, Oklahoma, and Miss Dixie Jacobs of Colorado, Springs, Colorado, were married at 10 a. m., L. R. Hoff officiating.

Liberal Won.

The L. A. C. (Liberal Athletic Club) played their first game with an out-of-town team here last Saturday night at the ball.

The game was not very scientific, and the goal throwing was poor on both sides until the latter part of the game when Paul Funk whipped in several in a short time. Liberal has material for a mighty good team if they will get "on to" the team work and throwing the goals when they get from under guard.

F. A. McCoy was probably the most clever player in either team, his size being to his advantage of course. Fouls were about equally divided between the two teams, and the game was a little bit along the line foot ball sometimes, but with experience that will disappear. The boys here had the Tyrone boys out-classed, and the final score was 27 to 7 in favor of Liberal. The boys all say they are pretty stiff and sore after the struggle.

Mrs. Wm. Martin Dead.

William Martin moved with his family from Beaver county, Okla., to South Liberal early in December. Very soon his wife was taken ill with pneumonia, and after an illness of about ten days passed away Saturday, December 31st, 1910. Mrs. Martin was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this city Sunday afternoon, January 1st, and interment was made in the Liberal cemetery.

The deceased leaves a husband and five children to mourn her departure.

L. Ward is at Clearmore, Okla., taking the treatment at the springs there, with which he hopes to benefit his rheumatism.

Basketball.

Last Friday night the boys' and girls' High School basketball teams from Hooker, Okla. battled in the hall in this city with the boys' and girls' teams of the High School of this city. The first half of the boys' game was played first and it was at once evident that the huskies from Hooker had the boys out-classed in both team work and size, more largely in team work, and we must give them credit for some very "nifty" team work. Their work was so cooperative that the Liberal boys became bewildered. The second period was taken up by the first half of the girls' game and it was soon evident that the lassies of Liberal were too much for those from Hooker. In the second halves the losing teams tightened up and made a few scores but could not erase the damage that had been done. The final result was, in the boys game 26 to 6 in favor of Hooker, and in the girls game 12 to 10 in favor of Liberal. After the games the four teams held a banquet and feasted and made merry until train time. The Hooker crowd are a nice and well behaved bunch and are welcome in our town at any time.

J. W. Harris spent Sunday in Guymon.

Miss Lottie Finley left Friday to attend business college at Topeka.

Mr. E. F. Rife of Sheldon, Okla., spent Sunday here as the guest of Miss Dye.

Al Prichard is almost out of commission this week on account of a boil on his hand.

Miss Helen Combs who has been in the office of the Liberal Cold Storage Co., is now working in the office of Dr. R. T. Nichols.

Double Wedding

Judge Hultz of the Probate Court quietly staged a pretty double wedding on Dec. 29 in his office at the court house. Miss Blanch Kelly of Minneola and Mr. Oscar N. Meade of Fallsburg, Kansas, and Miss Fern Lamb of this city and Mr. Lee Warren of Topeka all answered the questions put by the judge, who had promoted the fair.

Miss Lamb is the daughter of Mr. M. Lamb, and is one of the popular and accomplished young ladies of Liberal. They left on No. 34 Friday, and after a day or two in Hutchinson, will go to Topeka where they will make their home for the winter. Mr. Warren will work with his father at the barber trade. Their many friends here wish them well, and the Democrat extends its first congratulations.

For Broomcorn Plant.

Clement L. Wilson, the newly-elected legislative member for Greeley county, is preparing a bill to introduce in the Legislature which calls for the establishment of a state broom factory, much like the twine factory at Lansing. He would have a plant installed either at the Lansing prison or the Hutchinson reformatory or both. Mr. Wilson said: "My idea is that the manufacture of brooms would give the Kansas producers of broomcorn a better market for their broomcorn, which would not be subject to the combination or trust and would also give the consumer, the Kansas man, a cheaper and possibly a better broom. Ex.

Miss Florence McGregor who has been spending the holidays at her home in Medicine Lodge, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Hobbie.

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